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REMARKS

In the final Office Action dated August 25, 2006, claims 1-5, 7-15, 17-20, 40 and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Internetwork Infrastructure Requirements for Virtual Environments," by Brutzman et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,684,257 to Camut et al. and U.S. Patent No. 7,000,102 to Kumar et al.; claims 31-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Brutzman et al. document in view of the Camut et al. patent; claims 21-25, 27-30 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Brutzman et al. document in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,928,471 to Pabari et al. and the Kumar et al. patent; and claims 35, 36, 38 and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Brutzman et al. document in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,631,408 to Welter et al. and the Kumar et al. patent. The Office Action indicates that claims 6, 16, 26, 33, 34 and 37 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

A telephone interview was conducted on November 13, 2006 between Applicants' representative Robert L. Showalter and Examiner Stevens. Initially, claim 1 and the prior art applied against claim 1 were discussed. It was noted that the prior art does not disclose, teach or suggest the limitation "the at least one functional characteristic corresponding to at least one function that may be performed by the web site or supported by the web site" in combination with the remaining limitations in claim 1. Examiner Stevens agreed. Examiner Stevens also stated that all independent claims pending in the application, namely, claims 1, 11, 21, 31 and 35 define patentably over the applied prior art. At the conclusion of the interview, Examiner Stevens noted that he would be required to update his search prior to allowing the claims in the present application.

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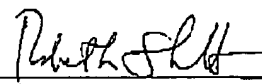
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CONCLUSION

In light of the above discussion, applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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